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## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM

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The Administrative and Resistance Committee of Nam Bo to all Provincial Committees:

The following principal points must be uniformly worked out pursuant to forthcoming instructions dealing with the provisional distribution of land:

I. To all government members or cadres belonging to the agricultural class: If they reside and work in their own Commune, the land there will be allotted to them. If they work elsewhere, the following two alternatives may apply:

a. If their families reside where land is being distributed and they wish to benefit therefrom, the allotment will be made.

b. If their families do not reside in their own Commune, application for allotment will be made to the Regional Council for Redistribution, stating their organization affiliation to facilitate the matter.

II. Concerning Decrees 66/NB and 26/ND still in effect pursuant to Decree 164/ND relating to the exploitation of Communal land (land and property) and its partition among the families of poor combatants in place of confiscated land pursuant to Instructions 33/SVI: The principles governing distribution of Communal land and property are stated in Decree 19/NB dealing with the duration of such distribution and military allocations in effect, particularly in the absence of confiscated land. After distribution of confiscated land pursuant to Order appended to Article 5 (corrected) of Decree 164/NB, should there be some families of poor combatants without their share of land, the Council of Provincial Partition will be responsible for allotments to them. Poor agricultural workers who are already producing on Communal land, may continue to work the land.

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III. The 10 percent Army Contribution tax on land yields will be applied to gross revenue after deduction of cultivation expenses, pursuant to Decree 192/MB, Article 13 (Amended). (The 10 percent must be deducted from net profits, less expenses).

#### IV. Land Confiscation

1. Foreign Mission lands must be considered the property of absent French nationals and as such, will be confiscated according to regulations and divided among poor Catholic farmers. Their interests should be guarded and they should be urged to apply for allotments of this land. No division of land will be made except on their application. In order to avoid possible confusion between Foreign Mission land and parish property, it will be necessary to consult with Catholic compatriots.

2. Land owned by any Cao Daiist, Hoa Hao, absent poor or middle class farmers, or reactionaries whose families work in the resistance movement, will not be confiscated. If previously confiscated, it will be returned. Land belonging to absent rich farmers and aristocrats will be confiscated only upon evidence of their reactionary activities.

Land owned by absent rich farmers will not be confiscated unless they are extremely reactionary. And in this case, should their parents still live in our zones, the land may not be confiscated unless the Cao Dai and Hoa Hao should claim it for themselves.

Land belonging to farmers of moderate means and to limited reactionaries will be restored to them if already confiscated. Land already partitioned must be restored if the owner's parents still live in our zones.

Documents in connection with land confiscated from the Cao Dai and Hoa Hao by provincial authorities must be forwarded to the authorities in Nam Bo.

3. If there are still some landowners who lease their land to farm workers, the latter will be assisted with capital, where possible, and will be given land of their own. Such land allotment must be legalized immediately. Communal Administrative and Resistance Committees will see that landowners draw up proper title deeds for their land.

PHAM VAN BACH

Transmitted to Lai Thieu, 4 October 1950

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